

**Mission:**

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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**Take the Test: WORLD AIDS DAY 2014**

**Collier:** Every 9½ minutes, someone in the United States is infected with HIV. Because of this alarming statistic, on this coming World AIDS Day, December 1<sup>st</sup>, the Florida Department of Health-Collier is encouraging everyone to take a FREE HIV test. An estimated 56,300 Americans each year are newly infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) data indicates that there are now over 1.7 million Americans living with HIV, approximately 100,000 people living with HIV in Florida and at least 25 percent of those individuals do not even know that they are HIV-positive. This is why the CDC recommends that everyone between the ages of 14 and 64 take an HIV test at least once a year.

HIV/AIDS has impacted Collier County for 30 years now, and we have witnessed the infections of over 1,600 of our residents.

For this reason, the HIV/AIDS Network of Collier County (HANCC) sponsors the following FREE events celebrating World AIDS Day from December 1<sup>st</sup> through December 5<sup>th</sup>. All of the sites will be offering Rapid HIV testing with same day results. Appointments are not necessary.

<b>December 1</b>	FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Marion E. Feather Medical Center.- Immokalee FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Planned Parenthood of Collier County	8am - 4pm 12pm-3:30pm
<b>December 2</b>	FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Marion E. Feather Medical Center.- Immokalee Florida SouthWestern State College-Naples Campus via the CAN Sarasota Mobile Unit	8am - 4pm 10am-2pm
<b>December 3</b>	FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Marion E. Feather Medical Center.- Immokalee FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Florida Department of Health-Collier. Naples	8am - 4pm 8am - 4pm
<b>December 4</b>	FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Marion E. Feather Medical Center.- Immokalee FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Florida Department of Health-Collier.- Naples	8am - 4pm 8am - 4pm
<b>December 5</b>	FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Marion E. Feather Medical Center.- Immokalee FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Whistler's Green Apart. Complex-Golden Gate	8am - 4pm 3pm - 6pm

**Florida Department of Health-Collier: 3339 East Tamiami Trail,  
Government Center Building H; 239-252-8593.**

**Marion E. Feather Medical Center: 1454 Madison Ave W, Immokalee; 239-658-3000.**

**Planned Parenthood of Collier County: 1425 Creech Road, Naples; 239-262-8923**

**Florida SouthWestern State College, 7505 Grand Lely Dr. Naples**

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